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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 remain in the application. Claims 1, 7, 10, 13, and 16 have been amended.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claim 1-18 under 35 U.S.C.

§§ 102(e) and 103(a) in view of the amendments presented above.

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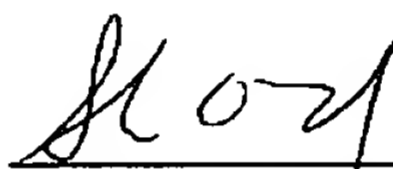
**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for a lowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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